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> Re: New U.S. Patent Application
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 46 pages plus cover sheet, including 6 independent claims and 23 claims total.

2. Drawings - 13 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-11).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/144,378, filed July 17, 1999.

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